the previous three years have been increasing steadily. In 2004-05 total exports were the tune of 461329 M.T. (11.9% increase over 2003-04); during 2005-06 the exports increased to 512164 M.T. *i.e.* an increase of 11.02% over 2004-05. Similarly during 2006-07 exports were 612641 M.T., an increase of 19.62% over 2005-06. Exports of marine products increased by about 19.62% in quantity, 15.43% in Rupee and 12.69% in US Dollar realization during 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06. However, during 2007-08 (provisional figures are avilable upto January, 2008), exports have decreased in quantitative terms to about 435873 M.T. *i.e.* a decrease of about 18.08% over the last year. The reasons for the decrease in exports have been poor price offers, poor landing and rupee appreciation.

(c) The sea-food export from the Western States during the last 5 years is indicated in the table below:

Q: Quantity in MT, V: Value in Rs. Crore, US$ Million

STATE		2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
GOA	Q:	16152	10719	10030	10212	15395
	V:	89.45	55.56	46.96	31.40	50.11
	$:	19.70	12.59	10.42	6.89	10.37
GUJARAT	Q:	188166	136485	119951	108386	134047
	V:	1264.60	934.88	704.59	614.42	760.36
	$:	281.30	210.87	157.36	134.19	157.86
MAHARASHTRA	$:	140046	123716	112180	97457	112278
	V:	1347.02	1242.21	1037.73	884.61	984.26
	$:	298.52	281.21	231.41	193.68	204.21

Assistance to textile manufacturers of M.P.

†2041. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for the assistance of Rs. 41.97 crores to provide design, packing and export facility to the textile manufacturers of Madhya Pradesh at one place;

(b) if so, whether amount has been sanctioned for the above proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Rangarajan and Krishnamurthy Committees on problems of exporters

2042. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether to mitigate the problems of Indian exporters, two expert Committees *i.e.* the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Rangarajan Committee and the Krishnamurthy Committee were appointed by the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of recommendation of each of these two Committees;

(c) the recommendation of the above Committees which have been accepted and implemented by the Central Government; and

(d) the recommendation which have not been implemented and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) Information is begin collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decrease in export of poultry products due to bird flu

2043. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is decrease in export of poultry products from India due to recent bird flu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some countires has stopped importing poultry products from India after bird flu; and

(d) what are the steps Government is taking to safeguard the interests of poultry farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) After notification of outbreak of avian influenza in West Bengal, certain countries such as Nepal, Bhutan, Oman, Qatar, Shri Lanka etc. have imposed ban on import of poultry/ egg products from India.

(d) The Government has attempted to save the domestic poultry industry from the outbreak of bird flu by culling, destroying infected eggs and disinfecting the affected areas/products. The import and movement of poultry products from infected areas is also banned/ restricted.

Extending benefits of Industrial Park Scheme 2008 to units

2044. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Park Scheme 2008 which replaces earlier Industrial Park Scheme 2002 aims to benefit only the developer of the Industrial Park, but, not the units housed in the park;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to extend the benefits to the units housed in the park;

(c) if so, the details thereof and also the break-up of approved proposals for new parks to be set up under the new scheme, State-wise and by when they are expected to commence their operations; and